

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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NORMA BROWN )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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vs. )  
JUSTIN PETRY, AND UNITED )  
STATES POSTAL SERVICE, )  
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Defendants, )  

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Plaintiff NORMA BROWN, residing at 3255 Timberwood Lane, County of Jefferson, State of Texas, by way of complaint against the Defendants say:

I.  
JURISDICTION

1. At all times relevant herein, the Plaintiff Norma Brown was a residents of the State of Texas residing at the above location.

2. At all times relevant herein, upon information and belief, the individual Defendant, Justin Petry, was a resident of the State of Texas.

3. At all times relevant herein, the public entity Defendant, that being the United States Postal Service, was organized under the laws of the United States Government.

4. Jurisdiction is proper within this United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sec. 1346(b)(1).

II.  
FACTS

1. On or about August 1, 2016, the Plaintiff Norma Brown was the operator of a motor vehicle owned by Annie Lee Watson.

2. On the same date and time, Defendant Justin Petry was in the course and scope of his employment with the US Postal Service and was the operator of a motor vehicle owned by Defendant US Postal Service located at 3501 Avenue A, Beaumont, Texas, 77705.

3. At the same time and place, while the vehicles operated by the Plaintiff Norma Brown and Defendant Petry approaching the intersection of 2100 block of Calder Avenue and the 500 Block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, Defendant Petry failed to yield the right of way at a stop sign thus striking the vehicle driven by Plaintiff Norma Brown.

4. As a result of the motor vehicle incident of August 1, 2016, Plaintiff Norma Brown was injured.

5. On or about February 20, 2018, counsel for Plaintiff forwarded a letter of representation to the United States Postal Service Legal Department at 1720 Market Street, Room 2400, St. Louis, Missouri 63155-9948 advising that Plaintiff Brown had suffered personal injuries as a result of the negligence of an employee of the US Postal Service.

6. A response from the US Postal Service was sent on March 6, 2018, to Plaintiff's attorney.

7. In the letter dated February 20, 2018, counsel for Plaintiff pursuant to 39 C.R.R. Part 912,

included a Standard Form 95 for the filing of a Federal Tort Claim that was contained in the letter delivered to United States Postal Service Legal Department at 1720 Market Street, Room 2400, St. Louis, Missouri 63155-9948. The information requested on Standard Form 95 was provided.

8. By letter of February 20, 2018, and in response to question #2 on Standard Form 95, Defendant US Postal Service was advised that Scott W. Browne of Browne and Browne, Attorneys at Law LLP represented the Plaintiff Norma Brown with respect to the motor vehicle accident of August 1, 2016.

9. In the letter dated March 6, 2018, received from Brittany Lindsay, Tort Claim Adjudicator, US Postal Service, Law Department, National Tort Center, advising that the matter had been assigned to her office. This letter addressed the personal injury claim of the Plaintiff Norma Brown.

III.  
COUNT ONE

1. On or about August 1, 2016, the Plaintiff Norma Brown was operator of a motor vehicle owned by Annie Lee Watson proceeding in a easterly direction in the 500 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas.

2. At the same time and place, Defendant Justin Petry residing at 1650 East Lucas in the City of Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, was the operator of a motor vehicle owned by Defendant United States Postal Service whose address is 3501 A Avenue, Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, that was traveling in a southbound on Calder Avenue in the City of Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas.

3. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Justin Petry operated his motor vehicle as an agent, servant and/or employee of Defendant United State Postal Service.

4. At all times relevant hereto, the actions of Defendant Justin Petry shall be deemed to be the

actions of Defendant United States Postal Service.

5. At the relevant time and place, the Defendant Justin Petry operated his vehicle in a careless and negligent manner, resulting in the Defendants' vehicle colliding with the side of the motor vehicle driven by the Plaintiff Norma Brown.

6. As a result of the negligence of Defendant Justin Petry, the Plaintiff Norma Brown sustained severe and permanent personal injuries.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Norma Brown demands judgment against Defendants Justin Petry and the United States Postal Service jointly, severally or in the alternative, for damages, including but not limited to pain, suffering and disability, loss of earning capacity, emotional distress and/or medical bills, all of which are anticipated to continue into the future as well as, interest and costs of suit.

IV.  
DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Scott W. Browne Esq. is hereby designated as trial counsel in this matter.

V.  
JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury.

VI.  
CERTIFICATION

No other party should presently be joined in this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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